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MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DR. AHMAD KOOROS TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 16 THAT SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER DR. HASSAN ALI MEHRAN DOES NOT PLAN TO HOLD FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HICKMAN ON A US/IRAN TAX TREATY DURING THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS BEGINNING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 21. KOOROS SAID MEHRAN HAD LEFT THE IMPRESSION TAX TALKS WOULD CONTINUE IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE SAW HICKMAN IN TEHRAN ON MARCH 30. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY SINCE THEN HAS CONCLUDED MORE PROGRESS MUST BE MADE ON REVISING IRANIAN TAX LAWS BEFORE ANOTHER ROUND OF BILATERAL TAX MEETINGS WILL BE APPROPRIATE. KOOROS ASKED NOT TO BE QUOTED BUT EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT A YEAR PROBABLY WOULD ELAPSE BEFORE THE IRANIAN SIDE WOULD BE READY TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETINGS ON A US/IRAN TAX TREATY. AT THE SAME TIME, KOOROS, WHO LED THE IRANIAN SIDE AT THE RECENT BILATERAL TAX DISCUSSIONS, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THE PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR.

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